

REMARKS

Claims 11-13 have been amended such that all of these claims recite all of the features of the biaxially oriented polyester film of claim 1. Thus, all of the presently pending claims recite these features or ultimately depend from a claim that recites these features.

Unity of Invention Requirement

The claims of the present application have been subjected to a Unity of Invention Requirement as follows:

Group I - claims 1-10 and 15, directed to a polyester film;

Group II - claim 11, directed to a method of making a polyester film;

Group III - claim 12, directed to a method of making a polyester film;

Group IV - claim 13, directed to a method of making a polyester film; and

Group V - claim 14, directed to a method of making a polyester film.

Election

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, i.e. claims 1-10 and 15, with traverse.

Reasons for Traversal of Unity of Invention Requirement

It is respectfully requested that the Unity of Invention Requirement be withdrawn. It is submitted that the amendments to claims 11-13 allow for all of these claims to include all of the features of the polyester film recited in claim 1, such that all of these claims share the same "special technical feature" recited in claim 1. Also, claim 14 is a method claim which depends from claims 11-13, such that this claim shares a special technical feature with claim 1 as well. Assuming that applicants overcome the apparent impending prior art rejection, it is submitted that the basis for the Unity of Invention Requirement will be removed such that this Requirement should be withdrawn.

If any questions arise regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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